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ONLY GOOD

Can Result From Federation of American Catholic Societies.

Thos. Walsh, Lawyer and Poet, Points Out Beneficial Effects.

Will Do Away With Every Trace of Racial or Sectional Feeling.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORGANIZATION

As the date for the national convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies draws near interest increases over the prospective legislation that will be there enacted. Within the past few days Secretary Eugene J. Cooney, of the local federation, has forwarded blank credentials to the Catholic societies,

which prevail concerning them. In this connection I can say, for instance, that where books are introduced into the curriculum of the public schools which misrepresent and falsify our faith, its teachings and its history, the duly authorized representative of this body could take notice of an evil of this character, and by calling the attention of the proper authorities to it could have such objectionable books removed.

"In the federation, in your judgment, either covertly or otherwise identified with politics, or has it been originated by political promoters who seek thereby to increase their own political significance whereof they could make game and capital for their own selfish ends and profit?"

"Not at all. On the contrary, politics, either directly or indirectly, have no part or parcel in it whatever. Its objects are exclusively and entirely fraternal, benevolent and religious, and have nothing whatever to do with parties or politics. Its members and representatives are men of the highest character, integrity, ability and standing in the communities in which they reside, many of them being men of national reputation in their respective spheres of action, and they have nothing but the good of the Government, the church and the State at heart. Whatever they do shall be done in the open, in a reasonable, intelligent and peaceful manner, and no chicanery nor underhand methods shall

SONS OF ERIN.

National Convention of Hibernians at Denver Greatest in History.

Pomp and Ceremony Marked the Proceedings of the Opening Day.

Adjourns as Mark of Respect to Archbishop Feehan, National Chaplain.

KEENAN AND BUTLER ARE PROMINENT

Pomp and ceremony marked the opening of the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Denver last Tuesday morning. The programme for the day was somewhat abridged because of the unexpected death in Chicago of Archbishop Feehan, who was National Chaplain of the order. Colliseum Hall, where the convention was held, beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, was the scene of bustling activity from an early hour in the morning, with many delegates crowding in, some to greet old friends, others to shake again the hand of newer acquaintances and still others seeking a chance to ask the hard-worked reception committee some of the thousand and one questions of the visitors. Grand Marshal Patrick Murray was busy attending to the wants of the 500 delegates already arrived.

With bobbing plumes, shining high hats, gorgeous regalia and beaming smiles, the procession of the Ancient Order of Hibernians started promptly at 10 o'clock for the Sacred Heart church, where pontifical high mass was to be celebrated in their honor. There all was sunshine and brightness, with signs of welcome everywhere. Chancel and nave were banked with flowers, while high upon the altar blazed the sacred candles with a glow of spiritual light. The church was soon crowded with a silent, expectant throng, who watched the fluttering folds of Old Glory and the flags of green side by side in the middle aisle near the altar rail. Then suddenly the almost oppressive silence was broken by resonant pealing of the organ as Bishop Matz and his priests, resplendent in purple and gold, marched solemnly in and took their places before the altar. With much pomp and ceremony the Bishop was escorted to a scarlet canopied throne and crowned with cap and mitre. An impressive Pontifical high mass followed, in which Bishop Matz was assisted by Vicar General Robinson, Chancellor Phillips and Father Edward Barry.

The mass over, Bishop Matz delivered an address of welcome to the visiting Hibernians, dwelling with some emphasis upon the stand the order had taken in regard to Christian Catholic education. In fact, he said the Hibernians had done more for that cause than any other body of men in the country and he was proud to have the privilege of officially welcoming them to Denver in the name of the Catholic church. Then Father Barry ascended the pulpit and began his sermon.

"You have come living up to your motto, 'in friendship, unity and Christian charity,'" said the Rev. Father R. J. Barry, S. J., by way of prefacing his sermon. "I need hardly add to the welcome just extended you by the Rev. Bishop Matz," he said. "It is an official expression, and should be taken as a welcome of the real old-fashioned Irish sort. When your meeting is over and your work is done for the faith and the fatherland, you shall still leave us here in faith, unity and Christian charity. It is surely an edifying sight to see you here—hundreds of brainy, intellectual men, living true to the principles of the patriarch and patron saint, the good St. Patrick, who 1,500 years ago uttered the prayer, 'Grant me this favor, O Lord. You have come to this city as Catholics—as Irish Catholics—and whether native or to the manor born, it makes no difference, the eyes of the world are upon you. The bone and sinew, the rank and file, the common army, are typified in the Catholic church of America. You are members of a great organization, that is both Catholic and Irish, and the church expects much of you. The warfare of the church of Christ and the world will go on until the end of time, but we must combat it with the intelligence, loyalty and honesty of organizations like yours. We must face and meet these questions. The church needs our undivided loyalty."

The convention had many important matters referred to committees, which could not be reported on before Thursday, when considerable time was taken up with the Gaelic chair question. Bishop Conaty, of the University, addressed the convention, and reports are that his explanation gave entire satisfaction. National Secretary Bree's report showed a membership in the United States of 107,577, and the Ladies' Auxiliary numbered 31,876 members.

Looking over the Denver papers, none seem more prominent than Kentucky's representatives, County President Tom Keenan, and George J. Butler, of Division 3. They have been interviewed and large half-tone cuts of them appear in both the Denver Post and News. The convention is harmonious, the anonymous circulars issued for the purpose of stirring up ill-feeling having signally failed. President Keating announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election, and New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania at once brought out men for his place.

A governing board has been provided for the Ladies' Auxiliary, but their actions will be subject to the approval of the National Board. The official proceedings will be published as soon as received.

HONOR PATRON SAINT.

St. Vincent de Paul Societies at Church of Our Lady.

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul will be observed tomorrow morning at the Church of Our Lady in Portland with impressive services conducted by the beloved and zealous pastor, Rev. Father Conniff. The conferences of all the parishes in the city will meet there to celebrate an important event, their annual visit to the sacrament of holy communion. A happy coincidence is the fact that this is also the communion Sunday of the St. Aloysius Sodality, a society founded by Father Conniff, whose advancement and growth he watches with great care. The mass will begin at 7:30 o'clock, and if all the members attend it will be the largest gathering of Catholic men witnessed in Portland for years. Father Conniff will also preach the sermon, and as he is a most gifted as well as pious pulpit orator, an intellectual treat awaits those who hear him. The generous hearted pastor and members of the congregation have made arrangements for serving coffee and a light collation for the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the St. Aloysius Sodality immediately after the mass.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society does a work worthy of attention. Through its efforts hundreds of deserving poor are relieved when found in want or sickness, and so quietly is this done that but few know anything of their many charitable acts. Our Catholic men should give this society more of their attention and increase its membership by thousands, thereby bringing upon themselves manifold blessings.

IRISH FIELD DAY.

Committees Perfecting Arrangements For Day of Great Sport.

The various committees appointed to make arrangements for the Irish field day at Fern Grove under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are making rapid progress. Wednesday night the Executive Committee met with John Hennessy, President of Division 4, in the chair. Reports were received and the number of entries announced for the games was very encouraging and assures success. Resolutions were adopted providing for suitable prizes for the various contests, entry blanks for which can be obtained from Thomas Dolan, Chairman of the committee on games. Patrick Sullivan has charge of the prizes, and George Butler and the Treasurers will look after the finances. The advertising and printing will be under the supervision of Will Meehan, and already handsome banners are displayed at many points in the city. Tickets are being distributed and next week the sale will begin.

A base ball game will be a feature, the boys from Limerick being ready. We understand, to compete with any nine that may be willing to meet them. The games will consist of running races, jumping, potato races, throwing the hammer, putting the shot, races for boys and girls, etc. Already this field day is more talked about than any coming event, which insures an immense gathering. Three string bands will be secured, so there will be music on all the boats and on the grounds.

THE LADIES' AID.

Next Tuesday evening the annual lawn

fete party in aid of the above mentioned most deserving society will be held under the patronage of the Ladies' Aid of Portland on the beautiful lawn of the Cook place, 2933 Bank street. The object of the society's existence is to provide funds for deserving charitable works, the relief of worthy poor and sick and such other charges as may be required from time to time. The Portland Ladies' Aid has constantly grown in members and influence until today it numbers among its active workers nearly all the prominent Catholic ladies of the West End. The evening's programme will excel that of former years, and will include dancing and quite a number of pleasant attractions. Pretty girls will preside over the tables and refreshment stands, and all who attend will have a jolly time. Only ten cents admission charged.

FRANKFORT THEATRICALS.

The members of the Frankfort Young Men's Institute Dramatic Club are making extensive arrangements to put on their new play early in September, at the Capital Opera House. Manager Cavanaugh has had considerable experience as stage manager in large theaters in Cincinnati and Chicago and will doubtless make the initial performance of the Young Men's Institute Dramatic Club a big success financially and otherwise. An excellent cast is being secured from among the Y. M. C. and auxiliary, and rehearsals will commence at once.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Falls Cities Branches to Have Big Reunion at Phoenix Hill.

Central Committee Transacts Much Business at Monthly Meeting.

Reports From Branches Show Increase of Thirty-six Members.

ACTION TAKEN ON UNIFORM RANK

The Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America of the Falls Cities held a representative and interesting monthly meeting at St. Mary's Hall last Friday night. Delegates being present from the seventeen branches comprising the body. Harry Veeneman presided and William T. Meehan occupied the Vice President's chair. Delegate Albert Martin was reported much better, and when the roll call revealed the presence of Barney Coll, Jack Murphy and Delegate Monahan, from Jeffersonville, and Messrs P. Reising, Otto Hoffman and Peter Herron, of New Albany, there was quite an outburst of applause.

Chairman McGinn submitted the report of the Finance Committee of the jubilee celebration, which showed a handsome surplus over all expenses. Upon his motion a vote of thanks was tendered all who had in any manner assisted during the jubilee, notice of which was ordered forwarded by Secretary John Score. Upon motion it was decided not to proceed any further at present with the disability question, information having been received that the new laws providing therefor will be put into effect at the next meeting of the Supreme officers, which takes place in November.

The committee to devise ways and means for a reunion and day of pleasure for the Catholic Knights of America and their friends of this city, New Albany and Jeffersonville and surrounding towns, reported through Chairman John Fackler, recommending a reunion and picnic at one of the city parks to be selected later. The recommendation was unanimously concurred in, and upon motion of Thomas Feeley a committee was appointed with instructions to arrange for a grand union picnic. The Chair appointed the following gentlemen: Messrs. Fackler, Veeneman, Feeley, Geher, Reichert, Holley, McGinn, Seibert, Schalda, Schmitt, Hillerich, Norton, Thiekstun, Dittmeyer, Stoerr, O'Connell, Recktenwald, who were given full power to act and instructed to report at a special meeting of the Central Committee, which was later called for Friday evening, July 18, when sub-committees would also report. Following the regular session the committees appointed met and proceeded with their work, adjourning until Monday evening, when decisive action was taken.

Reports from the branches showed a gain of thirty-six members during the preceding month, good evidence that an earnest struggle is on for the prizes to be awarded at the State convention. Action upon the proposition to organize a uniform rank was deferred till later in the year, when all possible information on the subject will have been obtained from other cities.

From the St. Anthony Society of Holy Name church was received a message of gratitude to the Catholic Knights for their assistance and presence in such large numbers at the laying of the corner stone of Father O'Connor's new and handsome church edifice in South Louisville.

Before adjourning short but encouraging talks were made by Miss Louise Fackler, the first lady member of the order in Kentucky; Barney Coll, complimenting the committee upon its work, and Chairman Veeneman, who announced that St. Michael's branch would not stop until its membership had been increased 100 per cent.

State President Reichert was called for and in response stated that never before were the members of the order as enthusiastic in their work as now. The announcement that he would devote his vacation to work for the order, visiting the branches in Covington, Newport and other cities if possible, was greeted with great applause. President Reichert predicted that when the State convention met at Frankfort the reports would show a surprising growth in membership. The branch at Lebanon had sent for twenty-five applications, and from other towns came reports to the same effect. It was his earnest hope that the increase would reach such proportions as would entitle the order in Kentucky to another delegate in the Supreme body. The Central Committee then adjourned, after which the gentlemen appointed to arrange for the union picnic met and organized, electing the following officers:

Chairman—John Fackler. Secretary—Thomas Feeley. Treasurer—Michael Reichert. After some discussion Messrs. Harry Veeneman, Pat Holley and John Schalda were instructed to visit the parks and secure the one best suited to the celebration, to report at another meeting of the committee to be held

Monday night. At this last meeting Chairman Fackler presided, the committee being unanimous in its action favoring Phoenix Hill for Monday afternoon and night, August 18.

The price of admission was fixed at the small sum of ten cents, and Messrs. William G. Norton, Pat Holly and Andy Hillerich were appointed a committee on printing and advertising. Further reports were to be made to the meeting of the entire Central Committee held last night, a complete account of the proceedings of which will appear next week.

The Central Committee deserves great credit for its good judgment in this affair. This will be the first time the Catholic Knights of this city have had a union celebration and picnic in Louisville, and it is safe to predict that the entire membership will show its appreciation by going earnestly to work and making the largest and most successful fraternal gathering ever seen here.

JEFFERSONVILLE

Hibernians Preparing to Have a Gala Time at Forest Park.

County Secretary Will Meehan, of this city, and the representative of the Ken-

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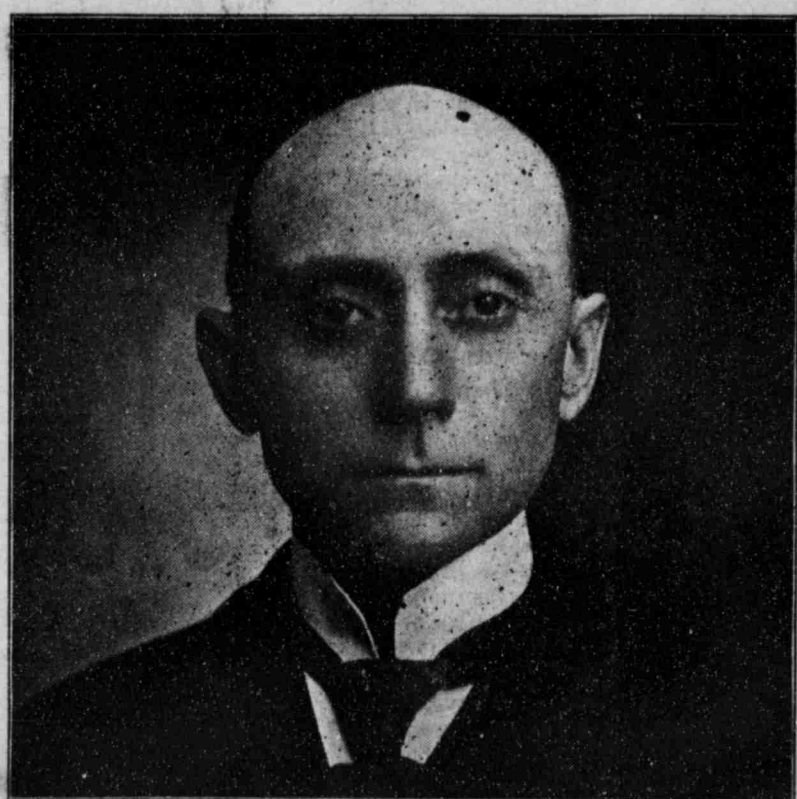
Passing Away of Marcus Doerhoefer Causes Gloom to Hang Again.

Was One of Louisville's Most Enterprising and Charitable Citizens.

Funeral Bore Testimony to the Love in Which He Was Held.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE AND GRIEF

Last week the Kentucky press sadly announced the death of the noble Sam Bryant. This week a gloom hangs over our community by the chronicling of the death of another great-hearted and honorable Christian man—Marcus Doerhoefer. Many knew that he was very sick, but none surmised that his death



ATTORNEY THOMAS WALSH.

several of whom may send delegates. The Knights of Columbus have selected two, who will co-operate with Dr. J. W. Fowler and his colleague, who go as the representatives of the combined societies. The credentials should all be returned to Secretary Matre before July 28, accompanied by the per capita tax.

For the purpose of making such changes in the constitution as may be deemed most satisfactory to all national bodies the Executive and Advisory Boards of the Federation will meet in Chicago several days before the convention to confer with the supreme officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights of America, Knights of St. John, Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, Young Men's Institute, Catholic Truth Society, Central Verein, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, Western Catholic Union, Catholic Benevolent Legion, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Catholic Order of Foresters and others. A special call will also be issued by Bishops McFaul and Messmer urging all societies, whether affiliated or not, to send delegates.

Among those who have given much thought to this great movement among the Catholics of this country is Thomas Walsh, the well known lawyer and poet, with whom the representative of the Kentucky Irish American this week had the following interview, which will prove interesting to our many readers:

"What do you think of the American Federation of Catholic societies, the convention of which is to be held in Chicago on August 5, 6 and 7?"

"That is rather a comprehensive question, and one to which a reply in full would require an extensive answer. In the main, however, I can say that in my humble judgment it is the best move that has ever been inaugurated in our land for promotion of unity, fraternity and good feeling among the Catholic societies of this country. It will tend to do away with every trace of racial or sectional feeling which may have heretofore existed, and it will make all the societies take a common interest in the common cause of Catholic affairs, educational and otherwise, and likewise take an interest in the welfare of each other. In addition thereto it will also tend to bring the Catholic clergy and laity into closer union with each other, and this always produces a beneficial effect."

"What, in your opinion, are the main purposes and objects of the federation?"

"If I understand it rightly, the federation seeks to protect and promote within its proper sphere the interests of the church at large in this country, and to this end it shall aim to use its influence against any legislation, local or national, which may be attempted inimical to the just rights and welfare of the church, or prejudicial to its interests or too sectarian in character. It may also be possible at times through its proper representatives to secure enlightened legislation on points involving religious affairs, and to correct false impressions and opinions

be resorted to by them in the accomplishment of their work."

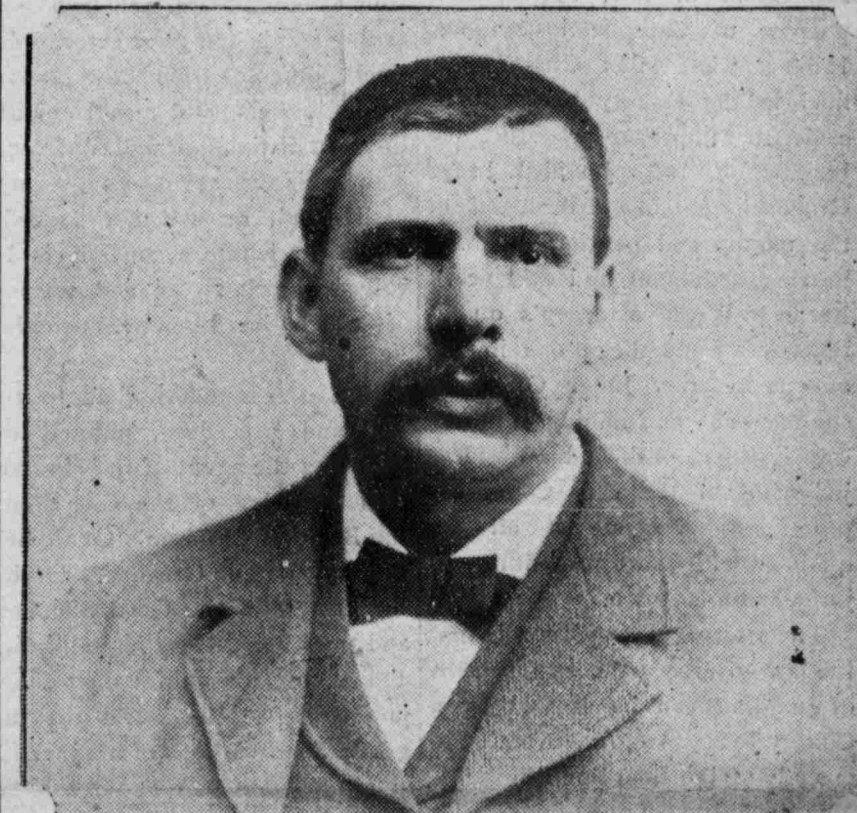
"With what success and encouragement has the federation met since its beginning?"

"It began last December in Cincinnati with the State federation of Ohio, but since then it has established federations in thirteen States, as follows: Ohio, Kentucky, New Jersey, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin, Alabama, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Kansas and Minnesota, all of which have appointed delegates to attend the convention to be held in Chicago next month. These delegates will represent over a million Catholics. It has met with decided encouragement at the hands of many of the most eminent ecclesiastical dignitaries of the country, including such men as Bishop Messmer and Bishop McFaul, who in and out of season are untiring in their efforts to uphold it and give it the commanding influence and power which it can easily attain if the Catholic societies at large render it proper influence and support and unite with it. 'In union there is strength' is an old adage but a true one, and applies with especial force to the great good that can be accomplished by the federation, provided its work is carried on with proper energy, ability and perseverance."

"As a matter of fact, do you think the Catholic laity of this country could render the cause of religion much actual and practical assistance by taking an active part in its affairs?"

"I most certainly do, and in this opinion I am firmly supported by the judgment of eminent clergymen such as Father J. M. Fleming, O. S. A., of Lawrence, Mass., who ascribes much of the lethargy shown in our religious welfare to the lack of interest manifested by our Catholic laymen. He says that if they were so determined and prompted by proper zeal they could render the church incalculable aid by opposing the godless education which is at present breeding infidelity, irreligion and social evils throughout the land. These evils, like coming events, cast their baleful shadows before them and threaten to blight the splendid future of our republic. The priest can do much, but he can not do everything, and his counsel, to become effective, must be reduced to action by the rank and file of the church militant that is under his guidance and command. A General can not overcome the enemy without the assistance of his army, but with the combined efforts of both warriors can be accomplished and victory secured."

Since the foregoing was written we learn that Messrs. Frank Menne and Walter P. Lincoln have been selected to represent the Louisville Council of the Knights of Columbus. Edward Smith will be Mackin Council's delegate, and Satoli Council has decided to send John J. Crotty. They are all men of education and ability and will give Louisville a splendid representation.



LATE MARCUS DOERHOEFER.

tucky Irish American visited Jeffersonville last Tuesday night and were present at a largely attended and interesting meeting of Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. They were given a cordial reception by President Gleason, Secretaries Hogan and Devitt and Treasurer Michael Kinney.

The semi-annual reports showed a handsome net increase in the finances of the division, now the richest and most powerful fraternal society in Jeffersonville. The amount paid for sick and relief benefits was also large, but at the present time John Ryan was the only member on the sick list. Appropriation was made for the expenses of Will Riley, who will again be delegate to the State convention next month. By unanimous vote it was decided to hold the next election of officers on the night of the last meeting in September.

President Gleason introduced County Secretary Meehan, who made a short but very interesting address, containing several timely suggestions and a compliment to those who were present. He closed by extending a cordial invitation to all to participate in the outing and Irish field day to be given by his Louisville brethren, which was accepted, with the assurance that Jeffersonville would be well represented and might capture many prizes.

The matter of greatest interest, however, was the report of the committee having in charge the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Jeffersonville division. Chairman John Ryan, Music Director Louis Constantine, John Devitt, Dan McCarty and J. B. Murphy, Jr., reported that they had engaged Forest Park for Monday night, July 28, and had secured the Louisville Union Military Band for the occasion. All that was possible was being done to make the celebration a success, and the programme when completed would surpass any ever seen in Jeffersonville. A great surprise will be prepared for the Irish of the three Falls Cities, thousands of whom are expected to attend.

After the adjournment of the meeting the visitors were taken in charge by County Treasurer Barney Coll, Police Commissioner Murphy, Redmond Stanton, Michael Fogarty and several others, who had arranged for them a pleasant surprise in the way of an informal reception, Adam Liebel having prepared a nice luncheon, after which an hour was devoted to story-telling and merry-making. The affair was enjoyable indeed and will long be remembered.

WELCOME BISHOP M'DONNELL.

It is expected that the Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, who is in Paris with Monsignor Barrett, will sail for home today. A committee representing all the Catholic organizations of the Brooklyn Diocese, of which Bernard J. York is Chairman, is making preparations to go down the bay with a steamer to welcome the Bishop upon his arrival.

was near. His good constitution and brave heart caused all his friends to feel that he would soon be up and about again, but the grim reaper was watching guard unseen and unsuspected up to a week ago, when his condition was felt to be dangerous. Now that he has crossed to the other side the deep friendship inspired by this most natural and generous man has given rise to expressions of praise and admiration for his royal good nature, and grief at his early taking away. One of a noble band of five brothers, his rise to affluence was a mark of his ability. Thoughtful and courteous toward his employees, his distinctive trait made him loved by all who worked for him. Genial and clever, his associates welcomed him among them; far seeing and provident, his family was uppermost in his mind, but not to the exclusion of either relatives or friends. The ties of blood and kindred run like a pure, sparkling stream through the whole Doerhoefer family even to the remotest kinship, and there was no stoppage in its crystal flow in the large nature of the dead brother. His funeral, which took place from the Sacred Heart church, bore testimony to his worth in the community and the love in which he was held during life. The sorrow manifested was real—every one present had lost a friend and the church was poorer in the loss of a good son. To his father, who survives him, his wife and children, brothers and relatives is the comforting assurance given that Mother Church has enfolded him in her loving embrace, and that he awaits them in the glorious dawn of the resurrection.

The church was crowded with those who had come to pay their last tribute of respect long before the arrival of the mourning funeral cortege. The remains were met at the main entrance by Rev. Patrick Walsh, celebrant of the solemn high mass of requiem, and borne to the altar railing by the pall-bearers, Messrs. Daniel Murphy, Albert Freville, Edward Coggeshall, Hon. Joe T. O'Neal, Col. John H. Whallen, John Dignan, Sanford Vaughan and Mike J. Duffy. Rev. Chas. P. Raffo and Rev. Bernard Cunningham, both warm personal friends of Mr. Doerhoefer, were the assistant priests. Rev. Father Walsh pronounced an eloquent and feeling eulogy over the remains of their departed friend, and during his discourse there was scarce a dry eye in the church.

TRINITY COUNCIL.

Despite the warm weather there was a fair attendance at the meeting of Trinity Council last Monday night. The new constitution and by-laws were completed and adopted as a whole. Will Reiser was balloted for and elected, and Dr. Phil Bentel was chosen alternate to the Grand Council, succeeding Emmet Slatery, who will be unable to serve. Messrs. Edward and Nic Bosler were reported still sick. Hereafter the second degree will be conferred only on the third Monday of each month.